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ABSTRACT

This paper provides a brief history of the Maryborough and District University Society of the University of Queensland, Australia. Highlights of the review include: (1) the establishment of the first distance education, or external studies, centers at Townsville, Rockhampton, and Ipswich in 1949; (2) a resolution taken in 1963 to form a University Society of Maryborough and that its primary aim be the furtherance of tertiary education; (3) membership of the Society in 1964 of 55 graduates and one student; (4) the granting of full voting rights and access to the Executive Committee to students in 1968; (5) substantial upgrading of the center from 1971-1980 through consolidation of the Society and the Students' Association, a move to a larger building, the allocation of additional funds for instructional materials, and increasing use of the center facilities by external students; and (6) the current membership of 65-75 members. Appendices contain a list of former and current office holders, part-time officers, and positions of honor; the constitution of the Maryborough and District University Society; and selected statistics (chiefly library) for 1964-1982. (DB)

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The Maryborough Centre

THE EARLY UNIVERSITY "CENTRES"

Although external students were enrolled from the foundation of the University of Queensland in 1910, it was not until 1949 that the first External Studies Centres were established in provincial centres. According to research carried out by Dr. Rupert Goodman, the University Senate approved the setting up of Centres in that year at Townsville, Rockhampton and Ipswich. Toowoomba followed in 1951.

The exact date of the establishment of the Centre at the Maryborough Boys High and Intermediate School is not certain. The last of many acts of kindness shown to the writer of this article and to the Maryborough and District University Society by the late Martin O'Farrell, Administrative Officer of the Division of External Studies, was his search through records and correspondence on this matter. It was his conclusion that the Centre was set up in the last few years of the nineteen-fifties, with 1959 as the most likely year. It is clear that the establishment took place soon after the appointment of Dr. Frank Olsen as Director of External Studies in 1958.

The University External Studies Centres of the first decade were generally set up at High Schools with the cooperation of the State Department of Education. The Deputy Principal became the Officer-in-Charge. The scope and resources of these pioneer Centres were very limited, but they did play one important role, they provided a venue where students could meet and discuss their study problems with one another and with the Officer-in-Charge. Moreover, through the Officer-in-Charge students had a ready access to the Director. Highlights of the year were the occasional visits from lecturers. A shelf or two of a spare school press was more than adequate to house any reference books.

While students of the day appreciated the new facility of a Centre, if they were fortunate enough to live in the vicinity of a larger provincial city, some were not so enthusiastic about "going back to school" at the local High School. They felt that a Centre not associated with a school would be more appropriate to their mature needs. Thus, within a few years of the establishment of Centres at High Schools, local pressures were being exerted on University authorities to move the Centres elsewhere. This development did take place in most cases sooner or later, sometimes with dramatic results; for example, it could be argued that James Cook University had its humble origin in the old External Studies Centre at Townsville. The metamorphosis still goes on, for it has been only over the last few years that Bundaberg and Nambour moved to independent Centres.

The diverse histories of the individual Centres, the varying textures of community, graduate and student support and involvement, and more recently the use of some Centres by

different Colleges of Advanced Education tend to make each Centre unique. The implications of this situation for the future would be a topic for further exploration.

The core of the External Studies Centre at Maryborough (and indeed at all Centres) has been its library, and reference is made at times in the following pages to its connection with the Thatcher Memorial Library and the Ringrose Libraries. It may therefore be fitting if brief mention was made of the genesis of these library systems which have played such an important part in assisting external students. For some of the following information the writer is indebted to Mrs Christine Crocker, the present Thatcher librarian.

When E.C.D. Ringrose became Director of External Studies in 1947 there was a small collection of books, mainly donated by past students, in his office. The collection had apparently been commenced by his predecessor, Thomas Thatcher. In 1949, in memory of Thomas Thatcher, the Thatcher Memorial Library was begun and a librarian appointed. Presumably, the small collection in the Director's office became the nucleus of the book stock. The new library struggled for funds during its first decade within the Department of External Studies, and really did not take off until in 1960 it came under the wing of the Main University Library.

It might be noted, in passing, that in the early years of the "Correspondence Department" of the University, external teaching was conducted entirely by the lecturers in the various departments as something of a side-line to their normal on-campus teaching. But in 1949 the Department of External Studies became an autonomous teaching department within the University with its own academic staff to teach in subject areas with relatively large enrolments. The Director became a Member of the Professorial Board. This was a tremendous leap forward for External Studies.

When Professor Ringrose died in 1956 an appeal was made for funds to set up collections of books in the larger provincial centres. These collections became known as the Ringrose Libraries, and today funds are allocated, when practicable, from the University library grant to add to these collections and keep them up-to-date. This process is administered by the Thatcher Librarian, and most of the accessions to the Maryborough Centre from Thatcher now come via this channel. Some statistics, chiefly of the library and not continuous, are given in Appendix IV.

THE FOUNDATION YEAR 1963

Early in 1963 Dr. Olsen visited the "Centre" at the Boys High and Intermediate School and apparently discussed with the Officer-in-Charge, Mr. J.M. Butters, the possibility of establishing an "independent" (i.e. not associated with a High School) Centre in Maryborough. It was also apparently stressed by Dr. Olsen that for the University to consider such a proposition there would need to be formed a local support group of University people which would have to provide some finance and also be prepared to take some administrative interest in the Centre. Accordingly on 5 July 1963 Mr. Butters held an informal discussion with Dr. R. Palmerston-Rundle, Mrs. R.J. Cooper, and Messrs J.G. Comans and G. Clarkson at the Boys High and Intermediate School. Dr. Palmerston-Rundle had shortly before moved from Townsville where he had been a prime mover for the establishment of the Townsville University Society.

A second Meeting with a larger attendance was held in the City Hall Committee Room on 26 July, and from this meeting came a resolution to appoint Convenors for a major meeting of University people for 30 August 1963. The invitation sent out to attend this Meeting is quoted below, because it sowed the seeds of a policy which caused some dissension within the Society for the next decade:

> "As a University Graduate you are cordially invited to be present at a meeting in the Town Hall Committee Room on Friday 30th August at 7.30 p.m. to inaugurate a Maryborough University Society.
>
> CONVENORS
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> Dr. R. Palmerston-Rundle, Med. Specialist
> Mr. J.R. Cooper, Manager Wide Bay Reg. Elect. Board
> Dr. G. Corlis, Chairman of Maryborough Branch of B.M.A.
> Mr. R. Perry, Secretary of Engineers' Institute
> Mr. G. Wolter, Dentists' Association Representative
> Rev. R.A. Woodgate, Ministers Fraternal
> Mr. F.T. Borchardt, Regional Director of Education
> Mr. J.G. Comans, Legal Representative
> Mr. J.M. Alexander, Manager Bank of N.S.W.
> Mrs. R.J. Cooper, Womens' Graduate Association Rep.
> Miss M. Hansen, President B. & P.W.A.
> Mr. W. Mungomery, Rep. of State Dept. Scientists."

Not again in the future history of the Society were so many graduates in attendance at a Society meeting. The following is an extract from the Minutes:

> "Present: Dr. Palmerston-Rundle (Chair), Mr and Mrs J.R. Cooper, Mr and Mrs J.M. Alexander, Misses M. Hegerty, I.M.

Blue, M. Hansen, Rev. R.A. Woodgate, Messrs J.M. Butters, J.G. Comans, W. Mungomery, K. Whalley, G. Wolter, G. Clarkson, F.T. Borchardt, M.J. Boge, Drs. R.A. Perry, — Purssey, P. Hegerty, J. Graff, K.M. Pearson, G.B. Langan, G.C. Corlis, Messrs R.L. Hyne, A.H. Jones, — Stevens, and others."

The date of this meeting is the foundation date of the Society for, at this meeting, it was resolved -

"That a University of Society of Maryborough be formed and that its primary aim be the furtherance of tertiary education."

Two other resolutions came from this meeting -

"That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Constitution, such Committee to be the controlling body of the Society until the adoption of the Constitution."
(Dr. Palmerston-Rundle and Messrs Butters, Comans, Clarkson and Borchardt elected.)
"That a Dinner be held on Saturday 30 November for all Members and their partners and that Dr. Olsen be invited as Guest Speaker."

During the course of the meeting Mr. Comans pointed out that the A.B.C. would shortly be vacating its rooms on the first floor of the School of Arts Building (then controlled by the School of Arts Committee). The meeting agreed that the Society should take appropriate steps to procure this space for the Centre "without committing the embyro Society to any expense."

The Committee went to work with a will and had a draft Constitution ready for a Special General Meeting on 25 September, 1963. Many of the clauses of the Constitution were of a routine nature and caused no problems but by 11.00 p.m. the meeting was still bogged down on a central issue. Was this to be a graduate Society or not? The exhausted members finally came to a compromise solution.

There were to be three types of members:

(i) Ordinary (Graduates of a recognised University)
(ii) Associate (Associates or Diplomates of a recognised University)
(iii) Undergraduates (of at least one year standing at a recognised University)

Voting was to be the right of the Graduate and Associate Members.

The few voices raised on behalf of students were drowned in the general hub-bub surrounding the 'graduate-associate' question. The majority feeling was that graduates were graduates and

students were students. The twain should not meet in regard to Society control until students had won their spurs in the heat of combat with the University examiners. It was only to be expected that students for many years gave the old thumbs-down to the Society, and that graduates, who literally slaved for the welfare of the Centre (and students) should feel aggrieved that they received so little support from students. Within a short time students formed their own Students' Association.

At the meeting of 25 September Office Bearers were elected. Dr. Palmerston-Rundle declined nomination as President on the grounds that Associate Members had voting rights. However, he agreed to accept the position of Acting-President. Other Office Bearers elected were:

Vice President: Mr. F.T. Borchardt
Hon. Secretary: Mr. J.M. Butters
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J.M. Alexander
Committee: Mrs. J.R. Cooper, Mrs. S. Luton, Miss I. Blue, Messrs G. Clarkson, A. Jones, R. Perry, G. Wolter and K. Jorgensen
Trustees: Dr. G. Corlis, Messrs B. Scriven and J.R. Cooper
Hon. Auditor: Mr. J. Power

Subsequent Office Bearers of the Society are shown as Appendix I.

It is interesting to note in passing that the Society in the next twenty years was to have only two more Hon. Treasurers (Messrs M.H. Kidd and K.F. Colvin), and two more Hon. Auditors (Messrs M.H. Kidd and A.I. Hoepper).

The ink had barely time to dry on the newly prepared Constitution which was circulated to all members when the influential "graduates only" lobby went to work. As a result the Committee decided to call another Special General Meeting to re-consider the Constitution.

This Meeting was held on 29 October when the Acting-Chairman pointed out that it probably had been a mistake to give voting rights to other than graduates. The Meeting approved in principle of this policy, and the now harassed Constitution committee went back to the drawing board to prepare another Constitution. This time it was successul and a copy of this Constitution is shown as Appendix II.

As graduates were now in control of the Society Dr. Palmerston-Rundle agreed to accept nomination as President and he was so elected at the Meeting of 29 October.

All the dust generated from the Constitution debate had no adverse efect on the purposefulness of the first Committee which went to work immediately with zest. So that responsibility for the many tasks that had to be undertaken in a short time could be

shared, five Sub-Committees were appointed each with a Chairman - Building, Library, Education, Social, and Finance.

There was a delay by the A.B.C. in vacating the School of Arts rooms and the Committee recommended to Dr. Olsen that the space vacated by the P.M.G. Department (present library rooms and verandah) should be taken over immediately and the A.B.C. space considered later. (The A.B.C. space was finally acquired at the end of 1965). The University paid the first rental promptly on the P.M.G. space to the School of Arts Committee, which body also undertook to provide two indoor toilets under the steps (those existing at the time being down-the-back models). The Apex Club of Maryborough provided a donation of $400 and offered the services of the Club for freshening up the area to be rented which was drab and tatty.

Dr. R.D. Goodman was now Acting Director of External Studies (Dr. Olsen being on study leave), and he visited Maryborough 24-26 October. He authorised the local expenditure of up to $320 on furniture. The original furniture was made by Elmers while Earle Paints advised on and supplied paint for repainting the rooms (undertaken by Apex and Society Committee members).

Correspondence had been going on for some time in regard to the appointment of a librarian, and at the end of the year Mrs. M. Burgess was appointed to commence work in the new year for seven hours per week. So, as 1963 drew to a close the Centre had taken reasonable shape for the new academic year. An Offical Opening had been planned for 21 March 1964 by the Hon. J.C.A. Pizzey, Minister for Education. The Finance Committee was working on a list of books to be purchased (funds permitting). It has also been arranged that the books of the Ringrose collection be transferred from the Adult Education Centre, then on the first floor of the Monsour building in Ellena Streets.

The first social function of the Society took place as planned on 30 November at the Royal Hotel where some seventy members and their partners attended with Dr. Olsen as Guest Speaker.

Mr. Borchardt (Regional Director of Education and vice-president of the M. and D. Univ. Soc.); Mrs. Olsen and Dr. Olsen; Dr. Palmerston - Rundle (pres. of the University Society) and Mrs. Palmerston - Rundle; and Mr. J.M. Butters (secty. M. and D. Univ. Soc.). - Parry picture.

THE PERIOD 1964-1970

The Official Opening of the Centre took place as planned on Saturday 21 March in the City Hall by the Hon. J.C.A. Pizzey. Dr. Olsen also spoke at the gathering of some two hundred citizens. The Centre was later open for inspection.

At the first Annual General Meeting held 14 July 1964 the Hon. Secretry was able to report that the membership of the Society stood at fifty-five graduates and one student. It was also reported that the appeal fund had reached $2,800, mainly from Service Clubs, other organisations and a couple of large industrial firms. The 500 appeal letters sent out to individuals yielded only $70. The Society was fortunate in its early years in having the advice and opinion of Mr. J.G. Comans on legal aspects of the Appeal and the functions of Trustees.

During 1964 Miss I.M. Blue prepared a Card Register of the qualifications of graduates, for many had offered their services to assist students in their studies. These services were not used to any extent, partly because the subject areas of graduates (medicine, engineering, dentistry, science etc.) were not applicable to the needs of students, and chiefly because the University itself was shortly to set up its own system of tutorials.

1964 also saw the consolidation of the custom of holding an Annual Dinner, normally in November in the early years. The Society jealously guarded its right to invite its own Guest Speaker with, of course, Dr. and Mrs. Olsen.

Apart from the Appeal for funds, the foundation for the present sound financial position of the Society was laid in the first five years. This was the era of the big barbecues (accompanied by various money-making activities). Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Hyne and Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Dunn kindly allowed the Society the use of the spacious grounds of their homes for these purposes, while Miss Blue acted as convenor. From this source of wealth the Society was able to spend $1,500 on books for the Centre within a few years. The barbecue era was followed by the "Wine and Cheese" functions at the Centre itself (often embellished with an art display).

The City Council of 1966 made a donation to Society funds and succeeding Councils have continued this generous practice over the years.

In 1966 Dr. Olsen requested that a Management Committee of the Centre be set up. The University appointed Mr. F.T. Borchardt as Chairman, and Mr. J. Stoodley (now Officer-in-Charge) as Secretary. It invited the Maryborough City Council to nominate a member, and the Society to do likewise. The appointment of a

Officers for 1964-1965 were elected at the annual meeting of the Maryborough and District University Society last night. Picture shows (from l.) Messrs. J.M. Alexander (treasurer), F.T. Borchardt (vice-president), Dr. R. Palmerston - Rundle (president) and Mrs. Sonia Luton (secretary), - Parry picture.

Management Committee was not viewed with enthusiasm by some members of the Society. The Management Committee was to represent the University locally, to make recommendations to the University in regard to the needs and local policy of the Centre, and it had, of course, direct access to the Director. As events turned out the Management Committee became more of a nominal organisation as a back-stop for the Officer-in-Charge - ready in the wings for any emergency in local policy. Nevertheless, at its inception the feeling was so strong that Mr. Borchardt thought it wise to resign as President of the Society. However, by 1974 earlier feelings were forgotten by members and Mr. Borchardt was again elected as President. Since then he has held both positions.

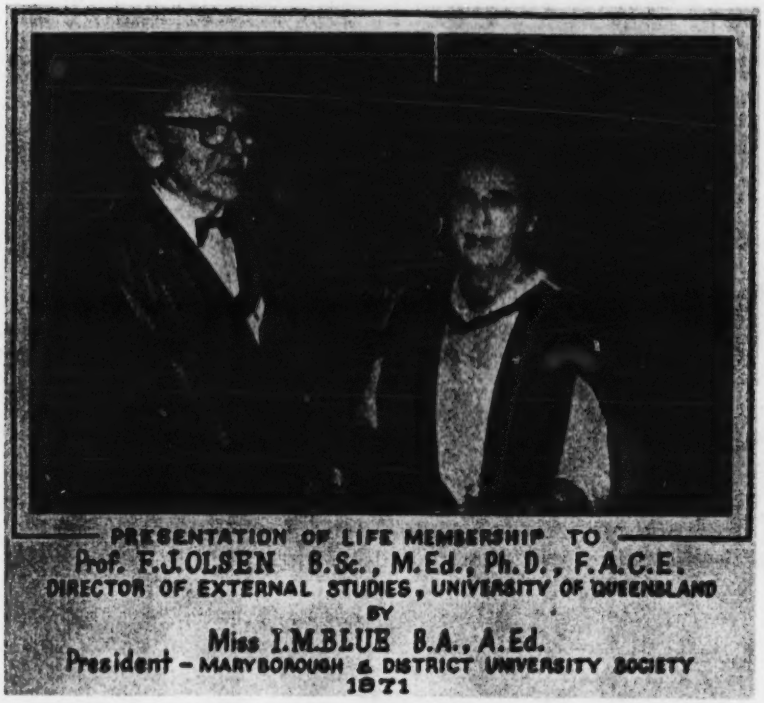
Among the earliest recommendations of the new Management Committee were the provision of a telephone, the installation of a ceiling fan in the library, and the addition of a student member to the Committee. So it was from the appointment of a Management Committee that the University increased its financial involvement (and control), with consequent reduction of the financial obligations of the Society towards the Centre. Although this step may have changed the relationship of the Society towards the Centre for a number of years, the step was inevitable. With the increasing scope and expenses of the Centre (and others in the State) the Society could not have met the financial obligations. From this time also commenced an increased flow of books to the Centre from the Thatcher Library.

The foregoing changes had their effect on the membership of the Society which fell to twenty-five in 1967. The Society as it was originally founded had done its work well, but it now had lost its purpose to some extent. It was not to be for almost a decade that the Society was revitalised under a somewhat changed philosophy.

By 1967 students had formed a Students' Association and were holding "break-up" functions at the end of the year. Then at the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 4 March 1968 came a major change in the Constitution. "Ordinary Members" became "Graduates and Students Past or Present of a Recognised University". Other consequential amendments provided students with full voting rights and access to the Executive Committee.

Two other major changes occurred in 1968. The time of the Annual Dinner was placed in the first half of the year and became a Graduation Dinner for the presentation of Certificates to students who had studied at the Centre. Professor Olsen presented Certificates to three graduands. Also at this function the Society presented an Honour Board to the Centre to record the names of graduates who had used the Centre for their studies in accordance with certain conditions made by the Society. The first group of graduates who had used the Centre under these conditions graduated in 1966 so their names were added.

Similarly, the name of the sole 1967 graduate, Mr. M.G. Wilson, was added, and he is currently the Chairman of the Graduate Sub-committee of the Society.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THE PERIOD 1971-1980

At the Annual Dinner of 1971 Professor Olsen on his retirement as Director of External Studies was made an Honorary Life Member of the Society and presented with an appropriate Scroll. The decade is dominated by 5 events:

1. After ten years the line of demarcation in the Society between "graduates" and "students" had become blurred. Former students of the Centre had become graduates and students had already been elected to the Executive Committee. In these circumstances the time seemed propitious for an amalgamation of the Society and Students' Association. In the middle of 1974 the Society had elected three members (Messrs V. Brigg, K. Beikoff and F.T. Borchardt) as delegates to a joint committee to investigate the matter and make a recommendation. The Students' Association nominated as its delegates Messrs A.J. Taylor, R.J. Pokarier and M. Netterfield. The recommendations of the joint committee were accepted by both organisations, and a new Constitution came into effect at the Annual General Meeting in February 1975. A copy of this Constitution is given as Appendix III. With only one amendment which added the Officer-in-Charge, the Librarian, and the Regional Liaison Officer (or nominee) of D.D.I.A.E. to the Executive Committee, it is the Constitution by which the Society operates to the present day. The new Constitution provided for both Graduate and Student Sub-committees each with reasonable autonomy on specialised matters. In practice, the autonomy has not been used and the Society is now truly one body.

2. On 22 April, 1975, the Maryborough City Council took over the School of Arts Building, and the Centre acquired a co-operative and generous landlord.

3. Over the years the Society had done much for the Centre. In addition to providing books, periodicals, tapes and other resource material it had set up the kitchenette with sink, refrigerator and cupboards, and provided a photocopier, cassette recorder, additional furniture and some curtains. Nevertheless, the Centre remained a rather drab place and not really comfortable for students.

   Early in 1977 the Chairman of the Management Committee met informally in Maryborough with the Mayor, Alderman J. Anderson, and the Chairman of the Board of Advanced Education, Dr. J.A. Allen. As a result of this meeting there began a major up-grading of the Centre.

The City Council allocated $2,500 for internal painting and improvements to lighting, the University provided $2,100 for furniture and setting-up of the Committee room, the Board of Advanced Education gave $1,800 for furniture and carpeting of lecture and sound-proof rooms, and the Director-General of Education, Mr. C. Gilmour, provided $1,200 for carpet for the library and verandah. The Society itself played its part with the purchase of a new photocopier and curtains for verandah and sound-proof areas.

4. The up-grading of the Centre brought about the fourth major change of the decade. The Society was able to invest some money each year at higher rates of interest than was available through its normal Society Account. This interest is now the major source of income, and has allowed the Society to opt out of the onerous money-making functions.

5. The final major change in the decade was the increasing use of the facilities of the Centre by external students of the Colleges of Advanced Education and particularly by the Darling Downs Institute (D.D.I.A.E.). The Maryborough Centre was among the first to offer its facilities to College students, and by the end of the decade their numbers were approaching those of University students. Some of the College students had become members of the Society, and D.D.I.A.E. had appointed a Regional Liaison Officer (Mr. D. Cassidy) to cater for the needs for its students. D.D.I.A.E. had also installed a "talk-back" telephone at the Centre which was used extensively by lecturers for tutorials. The system was also available to University lecturers. It is interesting to note that the University experimented with such a system many years before, but did not continue with it because of the high cost at the time. It is also interesting to speculate that the system may become obsolete within a year or so and replaced by a two-way radio satellite link. To ensure that D.D.I.A.E. had a voice on the Executive Committee the Constitution was amended, as mentioned previously, to include the Regional Liaison Officer (or nominee). D.D.I.A.E. provided its own reference books in relevant subject areas (chiefly Business Studies, Education and Engineering) and shelving to house the resources. It also provided funds to employ the librarian for an additional two hours per week. In general, under the supervision of the librarian, Mrs. J.A. Gronold, who is also the current Regional Liaison Officer for D.D.I.A.E., all books in the library are available to all students both University and College. The system works well in practice and each group of students has benefited from the arrangement.

Study centre is upgraded

TOP education officers visited Maryborough on Saturday to inspect upgraded facilities at the University of Queensland's external studies centre in Kent Street.

Librarian Mrs Judy Gronold is pictured with the Director-General of Education, Mr C. Gilmour (right), and the chairman of the Board of Advanced Education, Dr J.A. Allen.

1981 TO THE PRESENT DAY - JANUARY, 1983

The trends of the late years of the last decade continued in 1981-1982. There is an increasing enrolment of D.D.I.A.E. external students and a slight falling off in University enrolments. D.D.I.A.E. has donated an Honour Board for Bachelor Degree Graduates under the same Society conditions applying to University graduates.

The membership of the Society generally ranges between 65 and 75 and splits almost evenly between graduates and students. With the various sources of income available, the Society is able to meet any reasonable requests from students, librarian and tutors for the improvement of resouces and facilities at the Centre. In addition to the Annual Dinner for the presentation of Degree Certificates, the Society now normally holds a social-educational dinner in the second half of the year, and for the last few years has involved itself in a Careers Display for secondary students.

It was not the purpose of this article to forecast the future of the Society and the Centre, but it would be safe to assume that the technology of communication will be the major factor influencing distance education towards the year 2000. However, there is one practical matter of the future which should be mentioned. The Maryborough and District University Centre is one of a limited number in the State which houses a Ringrose collection in its library and this privilege carries with it the acquisition of new books from the Thatcher Library as funds become available. The University still bears the total cost of the basic operation of the Centre - lease, cleaning, light and power, telephone, payment of part-time services of Officer-in-Charge and the major part of the librarian's time etc. However, on the basis of University enrolments, the Centre at Maryborough is now one of the smallest in the State. Three of the reasons for this would be the popularity of College degree and diploma courses, the opening of Centres at Bundaberg and Nambour, and the absence of substantial population growth compared with such cities as Cairns, Mackay or Bundaberg.

There is some hope for the Maryborough Centre in the Hervey Bay area which is one of the growth centres of the State. The future of the Maryborough Centre will rest with its students, present and future. There is no place for complacency in the Society with its present comfortable circumstances. It must be vigilant and alert, ready to speak up, if necessary, for the welfare of external students as the founding Society did twenty years ago.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS, PART-TIME OFFICERS OF THE CENTRE, POSITIONS OF HONOUR

PATRON:	Dr. R. Palmerston-Rundle 1966-68; Dr. W.L. Hughes 1975-80; Mr. F.S. Snars 1981-82; Dr. F.A. George 1983 ————.
PRESIDENT:	Dr. R. Palmerston-Rundle 1963-64; Mr. F.T. Borchardt 1965; Mr. W.D. Wolter 1966-67; Miss I.M. Blue 1968-72; Mr. J.G. Comans 1973; Mr. F.T. Borchardt 1974 ————.
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Mr. F.T. Borchardt 1963-64; Dr. R. Palmerston-Rundle 1965; Miss I.M. Blue 1966-67; Mr. J.G. Comans 1968-72; Miss J. Hunter 1973; Mr. H.G. Wilson 1974; Mr. K. Beikoff 1975-78; Mr. M.J.F. Royle 1979-80; Mr. A.J. Taylor 1980 ————.
HON. SECRETARY:	Mr. J.M. Butters 1963; Mrs S. Luton 1964; Mr. G. Wolter 1965; Mr. K. Jorgensen 1966-68; Mr. A.K. Tabulo 1969-71; Mr. K. Beikoff 1972-73; Miss J. Hunter 1974; Mr. R. Johnson 1975; Mrs L. Cameron 1976-78; Mr. R.R. Dale 1979-80; Mr. M.J.F. Royle 1981 ————.
HON. TREASURER:	Mr. J.M. Alexander 1963-72; Mr. M.H. Kidd 1973-76; Mr. K.F. Colvin 1977 ————.
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE:	Mr. J.M. Butters 1963-65; Mr. J. Stoodley 1966-71; Mr. V. Brigg 1972-78; Mr. K. Beikoff 1978 ————.
LIBRARIAN:	Mrs M. Burgess 1964-74; Mrs L. Cameron 1975-77; Mrs J.A. Gronold 1978 ————.
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:	Dr. F.J. Olsen 1971; Mr. F.T. Borchardt 1977.

APPENDIX II

CONSTITUTION OF THE MARYBOROUGH AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

1. GENERAL

(a) Name:- The name of the Society shall be "The Maryborough and District University Society."

(b) Objectives:- The objectives of the Society shall be:-

(i) To further tertiary education generally, and, in particular, to create favourable conditions for those students proceeding with tertiary studies, the immediate objective being the establishment and maintenance of a University external studies centre.

(ii) To promote cultural and social contact between University graduates and under-graduates.

(iii) To follow such other objectives as the Society may, from time to time, determine.

(c) Trustees:- Three (3) Trustees of property acquired by the Society will be elected, when required, in General Meeting.

(d) Amendment to Constitution:- Any amendment to this Constitution may, after examination by the Committee, be effected in General Meeting, fourteen days' notice of the amendment having been given to the Members and two-thirds of those entitled to vote at the Meeting being in favour of such Amendment. The proposed amendment is required to be submitted in writing.

2. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Types of Members:- There shall be three classes of Members of the Society, namely:-

(i) Ordinary Members (Graduates of a recognized University)

(ii) Associate Members (Non-graduates who have at least one University subject to their credit).

(iii) Honorary Members (As determined in General Meeting).

Life Membership may be conferred on any Member in General Meeting.

Foundation Members shall be those who became financial on or before 1st December, 1963.

(b) Application:- Any application for Membership shall be submitted to the General Committee whose decision shall be final.

(c) Expulsion:- Any member may, for good cause, be expelled but only in General Meeting on a two-thirds majority, and only after proceedings conducted in accordance with the rules of natural justice. Complaints must be lodged in writing with the Honorary Secretary.

3. OFFICE BEARERS

(a) A Patron may be elected in General Meeting.

(b) The Normal Office Bearers, all Ordinary Members, shall be:-

The President
The Vice-President
The Honorary Secretary
The Honorary Treasurer

(c) The Election of Officers shall take place at the General Meeting and subsequently at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, each of the Officers being eligible for re-election.

4. MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

(a) The General Committee shall consist of the Office Bearers and eight others, all Ordinary Members, to be elected at the General Meeting and subsequently at the Annual General Meeting. At least two of the Committee shall be women. A quorum at a General Committee Meeting shall be six.

(b) Any vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by the General Committee from the body of Ordinary Members.

(c) The General Committee shall meet every two months except December and January, and at such other times as required.

(d) Sub-Committees shall be appointed by the General Committee as required, the Chairmen of such committees to be members of the General Committee but other personnel not necessarily so.

(e) The Annual General Meeting, in years subsequent to the inaugural year, shall be held in July, at a time and place to be decided by the General Committee which shall give 28 days' notice in writing to all members. A quorum shall be 15.

(f) A Special General Meeting may be called upon 14 days' notice in writing either by the General Committee or by 10 Ordinary Members. A quorum shall be 15.

(g) Voting shall be by show of hands except where a ballot is requested by any member and approved by the Meeting, the Chairman

having a casting vote as well as an ordinary vote.

5. FINANCIAL

(a) The Membership Subscription shall be 2/2/- for the first year for Members, except student Members whose subscription shall be 1/1/- for the first year. Subsequent subscriptions shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions shall be due on joining and at the time of the General Meeting and subsequently at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

A member shall be deemed unfinancial if his subscription is overdue by three months, whereupon he shall take no further part in the affairs of the Society until he has paid.

(b) The Financial Year, in years subsequent to the inaugural year, shall be from 1st July to 30th June.

(c) An Auditor of all accounts shall be appointed at the General Meeting and subsequently at the Annual General Meeting.

(d) All Accounts shall be handled by the General Committee, major payments to be made by cheque over the signature of the Treasurer, or Acting Treasurer, and one other official. An audited statement of Accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

APPENDIX III

CONSTITUTION OF THE MARYBOROUGH AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

1. GENERAL

(a) Name:- The name of the Society shall be "The Maryborough and District University Society".

(b) Objectives:- The objectives of the Society will be:-

(i) To further tertiary education generally, and, in particular, to create favourable conditions for those students proceeding with tertiary studies, and to assist in the maintenance of a University External Studies Centre.

(ii) To promote cultural and social contact among members.

(iii) To follow such other objectives as the Society may, from time to time, determine.

(c) Trustees:- Three (3) Trustees of property acquired by the Society will be elected, when required, in General Meeting.

(d) Amendment to Constitution:- Any amendment to this Constitution may, after examination by the Committee, be effected in General Meeting, fourteen days written notice of the amendments having been given to the Members and two-thirds of those entitled to vote at the Meeting being in favour of such amendment. The proposed amendment is required to be submitted in writing.

2. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Types of Members:- There shall be two classes of members of the Society, namely:-

(i) Ordinary Members (graduates and undergraduates of a recognised University or other recognised Tertiary Institution).

(ii) Honorary Members as determined in General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Life Membership may be conferred on any Member in General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Foundation Members shall be those who became financial on or before 1 December 1963.

(b) Application:- Any application for membership shall be submitted to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

(c) Expulsion:- Any member may, for good cause, be expelled but only in General Meeting on a two-thirds majority, and only after proceedings conducted in accordance with the rules of natural justice. Complaints must be lodged in writing with the Honorary Secretary.

(d) Register of Members:- A Register of Members shall be compiled and maintained.

3. OFFICE BEARERS

(a) A Patron may be elected in General Meeting.

(b) The Normal Office Bearers, all Ordinary Members, shall be:-

The President
The Vice-President
The Honorary Secretary
The Honorary Treasurer
Two Representatives to the University Management Committee -
(i) a current student
(ii) a graduate

(c) The Election of Officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting, each of the Officers being eligible for re-election.

4. MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in February at a time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee which shall give 14 days notice in writing to all members. A quorum shall be 12.

(b) A General Meeting, other than the Annual General Meeting, shall be held at least twice yearly. A quorum shall be 8.

(c) A Special General Meeting may be called upon 14 days notice in writing either by the Executive Committee or by 6 Ordinary Members. A quorum shall be 8.

(d) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Office Bearers, to be elected at each Annual General Meeting, together with Sub-committee Chairmen. A quorum at an Executive Committee Meeting shall be 4.

Any vacancy shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Committee from the body of Ordinary Members.

Should the Honorary Treasurer resign during his term of office, he should arrange for an audit of his books and records to be carried out before handing these books and records to the new Honorary Treasurer.

Should the Honorary Secretary resign during his term of office, he should arrange for the Honorary Treasurer to inspect his petty cash account before handing this petty cash account to the new Honorary Secretary.

(e) Sub-committees shall be:-

(i) Students Sub-committee:- Members currently undertaking studies shall constitute the Students Sub-committee which shall elect its own Chairman.

(ii) Graduates Sub-committee:- Members who are graduates of a recognised University or recognised Tertiary Institution shall constitute the Graduates Sub-Committee which shall elect its own Chairman.

(iii) Other Sub-committees:- These may be appointed by General Meeting.

Sub-committees shall be competent to communicate directly with organisations and individuals on matters which relate specifically to their special areas of interest. In such cases, the Sub-committee Chairman shall furnish a report to the next General Meeting of the Society.

All Chairmen of Sub-committee shall be members of the Executive Committee.

(f) Voting shall be by show of hands except where a secret ballot is requested by any member and approved by the Meeting, the Chairman having a casting vote only.

(g) Voting shall be the right of Ordinary Members and Life Members only.

5. FINANCIAL

(a) The Membership Subscription shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

Annual Subscriptions shall be due on joining and at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

A Member shall be deemed unfinancial, if his subscription is overdue by three months after the Annual General Meeting, and he shall then forfeit his voting rights.

(b) The Financial Year shall be from 1 February to 31 January.

(c) An Auditor of all accounts shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

(d) All Accounts shall be handled by the Executive Committee, major payments to be made by cheque over the signature of the Treasurer, or Acting Treasurer, and one other office bearer. An audited statement of Accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

APPENDIX IV

Some Statistics (chiefly library)

1964	Most of year spent in obtaining subject list of books, ordering and waiting. Some books received from Thatcher.	
1965	Books on shelves	1400
1966	Books on shelves	1846
	44% of books provided by Society	
1967	Books on shelves	2193
	Average weekly borrowings	100
1968	Books on shelves	2600
	Students attending Enrolment Night	50
1969	Books on shelves	2700
	Books in regular circulation over year	200
1971	Books on shelves	3200
	Books donated by Society	98
	Average monthly borrowings	157
1974	Books on shelves	3400
	Books donated by Society	50
	Books from Thatcher	143
	Students Enrolment	71
1975	Students using Centre regularly	60
1976	University Students Using Centre regularly	34
	Non-University Students Using Centre regularly	24
	Books from Thatcher	210
	Cassettes from Thatcher	100
1977	Books on Shelves	3893
	Books from Thatcher	323
1979	Articles (books, tapes etc) borrowed	1500
	University Students Using Centre	42
	D.D.I.A.E. Students Using Centre	37
	Other Students Using Centre	20
	Tutorials	5
1981	Articles borrowed (by students from Maryborough, Bundaberg, Gympie & Burnett areas)	1500
	Student donations of books to library	30
	Tutorials	9
1982	Books on Shelves	4200
	Books borrowed	1396
	Registered borrowers	108
	Books from Thatcher	212
	Donations by Students and others	90

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